



## St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Tel: 0161-834-9004

Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: [www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk)

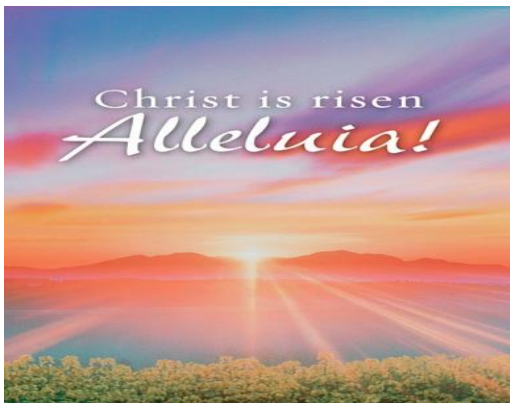
Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.Patrick's-Roman-Catholic-Primary-School-Manchester)



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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Our statement to live by on our return to school will be:  
"AT EASTER, WE HAVE NO DOUBT. WE BELIEVE IN THE RISEN CHRIST!"



Welcome back to the summer term to all of our families! Happy Easter! Christ is risen, Alleluia! We celebrate the Easter season for about 50 days until the feast of Pentecost and we want to spread this Good News! In Sunday's Gospel, we will hear about Thomas, better known as 'Doubting Thomas', the disciple who wouldn't believe that Jesus had risen from the dead on Easter Sunday. It was only when Jesus appeared again and offered proof of his crucifixion that Thomas was satisfied. Our children will learn the meaning of doubt, mystery and faith.

*"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts." (Pope Francis)*

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Our children in Years 1-4 celebrated a wonderful Mass on Wednesday - it is marvellous to see them all back to school with their friends. Our next Mass in church will be on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May when we will celebrate one of our favourite traditions, the Crowning of Mary. We invite all of our parents to attend this beautiful celebration and ask that children bring to school a bunch of flowers so that we can process into church & 'crown' our statue of Mary. The procession will start at 9.15 a.m.



**LENTEN FUNDRAISING:** We would like to thank everyone in our community who helped in any way during our fundraising efforts in Lent. We are absolutely delighted with the final amount raised: £639.92!!!! absolutely smashing our target of £400. If you do have any boxes still at home, it isn't too late to send them in with your children. #ambassadors4change#charitymatters#smallchange

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Was your child an attendance HERO last term? (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time?) If so, they were rewarded with either a gold or silver award in our celebration assembly this morning! 76 children achieved 97% or higher and a super group of 70 children achieved 100% We all know that good attendance at school brings on good progress in all aspects of school life! Our Year 3 class celebrated with an ice-cream party this afternoon because, yet again, they had the highest attendance for the month of March! Well done to all of those children and parents.





**READING TOP TIP:** New term, fresh start! We can't ask or encourage you enough to help your child to learn to read. There are lots of children making great progress with their reading this year because they are reading with parents at home. This is just fantastic! Why not set an alarm for a convenient time every day to listen to your child read? This means it will always get done and won't be forgotten. #readingforpleasure #learntoreadsowecanreadtolearn

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: If you are struggling with the increases in food and energy bills and are struggling financially, help is available by phoning the cost of living advice line on 0800 023 2692.

This free telephone line offers support with:

- Benefits and help with your rent
- Advice about debt and paying bills
- Food support - help to find community food provision near you
- Help to get online - support to access the internet, laptops, phones and data.

The line is open Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Translations and Sign Video services are available upon request.



**KEEPING YOUR HOME FREE FROM DAMP AND MOULD:** Manchester City Council have produced a handy booklet that sets out helpful information and guidance about keeping homes free from damp and mould. Click on the link for more information. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=00aae6b04d&attid=0.10&permmmsgid=msg-f:1760874767430791596&th=186fe2457ea931ac&view=att&disp=inline>

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** Classes 'hit the ground running' this week as they got stuck into their new topics for this term. Our Nursery children are going to be dancing the term away, Year 1 were shocked and horrified to find their classroom had been 'turned upside down' by the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk and Year 2 were busy working out fractions of shapes. Year 5 visited the local film and production studio, the 'Sharp Project' in Newton Heath. They found out about what skills future employees need to have if they want to work in the film or TV industry. Interestingly, these skills are very similar to the 9 essential life skills we try to practice in school - e.g. good communication, teamwork and problem solving. Many of the staff working there aren't much older than school leavers. What an inspiration for our children to learn from!



The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and it is a great local facility for our children to access! #brightfutures#jobsforthefuture

**INDUSTRIAL ACTION:** Parents should have received a letter from Mrs Clinton yesterday, via email regarding industrial action taking place on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May.** Please read this letter carefully but here is the information for you.

| Date                             | Classes open     | Classes closed  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Thursday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April | Rec, Y3, Y5 & Y6 | Nur, Y1, Y2, Y4 |
| Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May     | Rec, Y3, Y5 & Y6 | Nur, Y1, Y2, Y4 |

For the children whose classes have been unaffected by the strike, we expect them to attend school as normal. We will follow our school attendance policy and procedures if your child is absent.



**ST. PATRICK'S PARKING PLEDGE:** The Junior Leadership Team are a really important part of what we do in school and help lead in the decision making process when it comes to what really matters to our pupils. At our most recent meeting, the pupils have shared their worries about coming into and out of school on New Allen Street and are very determined to sort this matter out! They have worked hard to put together a 'Parking Pledge' which they will be asking parents and guardians to sign to help keep everyone safe. Please look out for our JLT next week who will be patrolling New Allen Street and who knows, they might even be asking you to, 'Take the parking pledge!'.

**NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES!:** We are super proud of our Year 1 teacher, Miss Campbell this week. She ran her very first marathon on Sunday, participating in the Manchester run, completing 26.2 miles!!! Everyone at school is very impressed!! Apart from sore legs and blistered feet, Miss Campbell couldn't take the smile off her face! What a fantastic achievement! #perserverance #run4fun #determination



**ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION:** The annual St George's Day parade will be happening this Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Assembling at Varley Street in Miles Platting (M40 8BS), it departs at around 12:00 p.m., before heading off on a 2.5 mile route through the city. There will be everything from horse-drawn carriages, open-top buses and military vehicles to the usual convoy of scooters heading into town, with the Lord Mayor of Manchester usually at the front of the procession. Along the way, there will also be comedians, dancers, local community pipe and brass bands and theatre performers doing turns to entertain the crowds, as well as collections for related charities. Why not go along and join in with this fantastic, fun and free event for all the family! #traditions#proudtobeMancunian#Englishheritage



**MANCHESTER  
ST. GEORGE'S  
DAY PARADE**



**FACEBOOK:** If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Patrick's Manchester** and we should pop up!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Rosemary Froggart (RIP) and the Byrne family, Maureen Duffy and family, Andrew Betney, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, new babies Annie, Owain & families, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



*Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.*

